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The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Council

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Antonio Pedro Monteiro Lima (Cape Verde), on the basis of informal consultations

Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its agreed conclusions 1995/1 of 28 July 1995[1] and 2002/1 of 26 July 2002[2] and its relevant resolutions on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including its resolutions 2007/8 of 25 July 2007, 2007/29 of 27 July 2007 and 2006/44 of 28 July 2006, its decisions 2006/206 of 10 February 2006 and 2006/274 of 15 December 2006 and General Assembly resolutions 50/227 of 24 May 1996, 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/265 of 30 June 2006 and 61/16 of 20 November 2006,

Recalling also the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and the review of their implementation in the economic, social and related fields,

Reaffirming the need to fully implement the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, and in this regard expressing its determination to enhance the momentum generated by the 2005 World

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/50/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 22.
[2] Ibid., *Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/57/3/Rev.1), chap. V, para. 9.

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Summit, in particular for strengthening the role of the Economic and Social Council through its new functions,

Recalling that the Council should increase its role in overseeing system-wide coordination and the balanced integration of economic, social and environmental aspects of United Nations policies and programmes aimed at promoting sustainable development, and reaffirming that the Commission on Sustainable Development should continue to be the high-level commission on sustainable development within the United Nations system and to serve as a forum for consideration of issues related to integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development, as called for in General Assembly resolution 61/16,

Recognizing the important role of a strengthened Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 61/16, in promoting integrated and coordinated follow-up to conferences and summits,

Noting the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16,[3]

1. *Reaffirms* the need to continue to strengthen the Economic and Social Council as the central mechanism for system-wide coordination and thus promote the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolutions 50/227, 57/270 B and 61/16;

2. *Welcomes* the holding of the first Development Cooperation Forum and the second annual ministerial review as steps forward in strengthening of the Council;

3. *Recognizes* the need to further enhance coordination and cooperation between the Council and its functional commissions, regional commissions and other subsidiary bodies so as to allow the Council to carry out its crucial role as the central mechanism for system-wide coordination more effectively;

4. *Encourages* the functional commissions to continue to explore ways to engage United Nations agencies, funds and programmes more systematically in their work within their respective mandates;

5. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions and the World Trade Organization, to contribute, within their respective mandates, to the work of the Council, as appropriate, including to the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16;

6. *Welcomes* the strengthened cooperation between the Council and the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and emphasizes that the interaction should be further improved;

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[3] A/63/83-E/2008/77.

7. *Stresses* that the preparation of the annual ministerial review, should be fully supported by the United Nations system, especially the funds, programmes and specialized agencies, in accordance with the respective mandates, as appropriate, in coordination with national Governments;

8. *Requests* the functional commissions, the regional commissions and other relevant subsidiary bodies of the Council, in accordance with their mandates, as appropriate, to contribute to the annual ministerial review and to the Development Cooperation Forum, in the context of their respective annual workplans, taking into account their specificities;

9. *Stresses* the important contribution of civil society in the implementation of conference outcomes, and emphasizes that the contribution of non-governmental organizations and the private sector to the work of the Council should be further encouraged and improved, in accordance with the rules and procedures of the Council;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on measures taken to implement the ministerial declaration for consideration by the Council at the coordination segment of its substantive session of the following year;

11. *Decides* to review the periodicity of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of relevant General Assembly resolutions at its substantive session of 2009, with a view towards further enhancing the effectiveness of the report;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report on the above-mentioned subject for consideration by the Council at its substantive session of 2009.